## VETERANS' RIGHTS.

The Political Campaign Just Closing in New York.

THE PATRIOTIC CATECHISM,

And How the Candidates Have Answered It.

LET VOTERS CONSIDER.

Soldiers Should Support Those Who Pledge Their Aid.

The Veterans' Rights Union Circular. Some time ago the Veterans' Rights Union sent out the following circular to every nominee for the New York Assembly:

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 1885. DEAR SIR: In view of the object of this Union, made a necessity in 1882 by reason of the non-enforcement of the statute laws of the United States on the subject, and the fact that preximo, we hereby respectfully present our understanding of and wishes in the matter of Veterans' Rights, and earnestly desire to be advised as to your views of the same. To that end we submit the legal enactments now existphases of the law, recommending such changes as we think would be proper ones, and request answers to the questions we propound.

CHAPTER 312, LAWS OF NEW YORK OF 1884. "Sec. 1. In every public department and upon all public works of the State of New York honorably-discharged Union soldiers and sailors shall be preferred for appointment and employment; age, loss of limb, or other physical impairment, which does not in fact incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them, pro- McCarthy, 25th; Murphy, 5th; Nelson, 12thvided they possess the other requisite qualifica- Total, 8.

"Sec. 2. This act shall take effect immediately."

We understand that an honorable discharge from the military or naval service of the United States during the late war and the business capacity necessary to discharge the duties of the position applied for, together with a good the premises, that the word shall in the law makes the preference of such persons manda-

Do you accept this as a fair understanding? We believe this law was intended to show

agree with this view of it? Ans.

That it was intended it should be faithfully observed and its promises fulfilled. Do you agree with us in this? Ans.

the cities, towns and villages of the State. Do you agree with us in this? Ans.

change, and then recognize and enforce that preference to the best of your ability? Ans. CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF NEW YORK OF 1884.

"Sec. 4. In grateful recognition of the services, sacrifices and sufferings of persons who served in the Army and Navy of the United States in the late war, and have been honorably discharged therefrom, they shall be preferred for appointment to positions in the Civil Service of the State and of the cities affected by this act over other persons (of equal standing), as ascertained under this act and the act hereby amended, and the person thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position in said Civil Service on account of his age nor by reason of any physical disability, provided such disability does not render him incompe-

We believe that this law was intended to give some substantial preference, under the Civil Service system of the State, to persons mentioned therein.

Do you coincide in this view? Ans. We understand:

First. That when a number of persons enter a competitive examination under this system and, prior to examination, all are of equal standing.

Second. That when an examination has been completed, and those who failed to pass the minimum percentage have been dropped from the list as incompetent and not qualified, all those who attain the requisite marking and are certified as competent and qualified, are of equal standing, as ascertained under this act, regardless of grade.

Third.—That in such cases it is mandatory upon the Commission to certify and the appointing power to appoint or employ, if any there be, such persons on the eligible list, as are mentioned in Sec. 4, before other persons not entitled to such rights and privileges. Do you accept these views? Ans.

If, in your opinion, this was not the intent and meaning of this law, will you, if elected, support an amendment to the same which shall clearly define what preference, under Civil Service examinations, shall be given to the veterans? Ans.

In connection with this matter we would respectfully invite your attention to the public policy shown in declarations of both political parties in Convention assembled at Saratoga. N. Y., during the week ending Sept. 26 ult. REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

"That the provisions of the existing Civil Service law of the State and Nation should be strengthened and extended to all grades of the public service to which they may be applicable, so that the selection of administrative officers in the Civil Service shall, so far as possible, be governed solely by capacity and fitness. We insist upon the enforcement of these laws by all public officials, not only in the letter, but also in the spirit. Honorably-discharged soldiers and sailors, who are shown by competitive examination to possess the necessary requirements, should be given the preference in certification and in appointment."

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM. "We are in favor of such legislation as shall insure to henorably-discharged soldiers and

and appointment over all other persons." We send two copies. One of these we request you to fill out and send in inclosed addressed envelope by mail, or if handed you by a member | this same subject, as fully expressing my views. of our Committee, return to him and he will forward; the second copy you may desire for reference.

We are, very respectfully, yours, for the G.A.R. Veterans' Rights Union.

GEO. F. HOPPER, Jos. W. KAY, DENNIS SULLIVAN, NICHOLAS W. DAY, GEO. S. LITTLE. Sub-Committee.

Official: Thomas Bell, Secretary. -The Earle Bill.

The following is the "Earle Bill" referred to, with the vote thereon in both Houses of the | that in civil between the bound have the New York Legislature:

STATE OF NEW YORK. No. 710. IN ASSEMBLY.

January 14, 1885. Introduced by Mr. Earle; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; reported adversely by said Committee; reported

of the Whole. To amend Chapter four hundred and ten of the entitled "An Act to amend Chapter three | necessary." hundred and fifty-four of the laws of eighteen

hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act the State of New York,"

sented in Schate and Assembly, do enact as

Sec. 1. Section four of chapter four hundred and ten of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act to amend chapter three hundred and fifty-four of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, entitled An act to regulate and improve the Civil Service of the State of New York," is hereby

amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 4. In grateful recognition of the services, sacrifices and sufferings of persons who served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war, and have been honorably discharged therefrom, they shall be preferred for appointment to positions in the Civil Service of the State and of the cities affected by this act, without being required to pass any further examination than may be prescribed by the head of a department to prove their ability to read and write, and to prove that such persons possess the necessary qualifications to perform the duties which may devolve upon the positions applied for.

AYES-Messrs. Bailey, C. D. Baker, Barnes,

Barnum, Berry, Brennan, Budlong, Burnham, Byrne, Cantor, Cartwright, Coffee, Connelly, Cutler, Decker, Demers, Dibble, Driess, Earle, Eiseman, Farnum, Farrella Felter, Garbutt, Gerety, Giese, Grippen, Hagan, Hy. Haggerty, Jas. Haggerty, Hardin, Hasbrouck, Haskell, S. S. Hawkins, Hooley, Hotaling, Horne, Ives, Johnson, Kenny, Liddle, Lindsay, Lodewick, Mc-Cann. McClelland, McGoldrick, Murray, Myers, Nagle, Nash, Niles, Olin, Oliver, Osborne, Owens, Roesch, Rosenthal, Geo. Scott, Kidder M. Scott, Shea, Shechan, Sherman, Shocmaker, Chas. You are a nominee for the Legislature of 1886 | Smith, Clark E. Smith, Thomas A. Smith, in this State, at the election to be held Nov. 3 Steber, Storm, Sweet, Tappan, Tuck, Tumilty, Tynan, Van Buskirk, Wafer, Whiteman, Whitmore, Williams, Windolph-Total, 84.

NAYS-Messrs, Andrews, Arnold, C. K. Baker, Church, Curtis, Ely, Green, Hardenburg, Heath, Wm. M. Hawkins, Hendricks, H. C. Howe, ing, the position we assume towards certain | Walter Howe, Hubbell, Husted, Kibby, Kruse, Livingston, Lowing, O'Neil, Palmer, Sceber, Snyder, Van Allen-Total, 24.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING-Messrs. A. H Baker, Barager, Bartley, Briggs, Carlisle, H. K. Clark, W. B. Clark, Cole, Gould, Hogeboom, Hopkins, Horton, Jackson, Kunzeman, Mc-Ewen, Taylor, Van Duzer.

VOTE IN THE SENATE. Ayes-Messrs, Baker, 29th Dist.; Campbell, 6th; Cullen, 9th; Davidson, 23d; Jacobs, 4th;

NAYS -- Messrs. Arkell, 18th Dist.; Coggeshall, 22d; Comstock, 16th; Daggett, 3d; D.dy, 7th; Ellsworth, 30th; Esty, 25th; Fassett, 27th; Gibbs, Sth; Gilbert, 20th. Low, 13th; Newbold, 15th; Otis, 1st; Robb. 10th; Robinson, 28th; Thatcher, 17th; Thomas, 24th; Titus, 31st; Vedder, 32d-

ABSANT OR NOT VOTING-Messrs. Bowen, 19th Dist.; Comstock, 16th; Kiernan, 2d; Lanscharacter, are requisite; and then, by virtue of | ing, 21st; Plunkett, 11th; Van Shaick, 14th.

LETTER FROM COMRADE KAY. The following letter explains what has been

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1885. To THE EDITOR: What I now inclose is the the public policy of the State in regard to the latest received up to time mail closes this evening. In many instances nominations were am in full sympathy with the declaration made late, and some have not yet been made. As a | in the Republican platform adopted at our late general thing, the Committee in every District | State Convention. Will do all in my power." has endeavored to enter into the spirit that soldiers in their claim for rights are non-parti- is in the direction of giving the preference in We believe it should have gone further and san. One Congressional District alone, of the in unmistakable language be made to apply to 34 in the State, owing to resignation of the the public departments and public works of Committeeman in that District, it was necessary to supply from this end. I mention this be-If elected, will you pledge yourself to support | together, regardless of party, and a new touch then, in an effort to secure the success of the principle contended for.

As we view it in this State, the declarations made by the State Conventions are generally accepted by those who accept nominations under them, by men of both parties. We have done all that men could do, in order that you might be able to give these who have answered a chance to have their people know what they think, and are willing to express on this subject, so important to those who, in the hour of the country's dauger, were willing to peril limb and life in her defense, and now, through necessity, may be required to seek public employment. The promises made during and soon after the war, when they are now called for redemption, should be met tent to perform the duties of the position applied | promptly and there should be no hesitancy in the redemption, because the services rendered are a record of privation and suffering, where no draft was made on these men which was age creeps on apace the laws should be modeled so as to insure them anything which their services then entitle them to at the hands of a country rescued by their services from certain

disintegration, when it is requsite they should call on our rulers for employment. Jos. W. KAY.

The following answers have been received: The Gubernatorial Candidates, FROM GOV. DAVID B. HILL. STATE OF NEW YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, Oct. 17, 1885.

IRA M. HEDGES, Esq., Chairman, etc., Haverstraw, N. Y. I have received from your Committee (through the hands of Col. B. F. Gott) a communication containing a series of questions to which an answer is desired. I cheerfully comply with your request, and will endeavor, frankly, to that some of the questions would seem to be Legislature than to a Gubernatorial candidate; hesitate to gratify your wishes. Without answering, categorically, each separate question, I may say that in the main I answer your questhat I am not very familiar with the details of the system of Civil Service examinations, and the marking and certification referred to in one of your questions, and hence am unable, very accurately, to express an opinion upon to give honorably-discharged soldiers or sailors | ment." the preference over civilians, then I think they should be so amended as clearly to declare such preference. In plain words, I believe in the spirit which dictated the enactment of the laws giving preference to soldiers and sailors over civilians in the Civil | don T. Thomas Post, 395, G.A.R." Service of the State, and I believe that such laws should be honestly and in good faith enpossess the qualifications essential to a satisfac- mote the welfare of my comrades?" Civil Service laws and regulations of this State | be civilians who posses superior qualifications; | the interest of the soldier. I am a member of | talk I may not be able to get rid of you withand cities thereof, and, upon passing such ex- and, if the present law or the rules of any | Col. Sammons Post, No. 242, G.A.R., located at amination successfully, priority in certification | department of the State do not permit such | Gloversville." preference to be clearly given or are so defective that it cannot be enforced, they should be all the questions." amended accordingly. I believe I may safely refer you to my recent official utterances upon | questions."

Very respectfully, DAVID B. HILL. (Signed)

FROM IRA DAVENPORT. The telegram given below is from the Repub-

lican candidate for Governor:

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. inquiries of the Veterans' Rights Association; Appreciation of the veterans' services to the State and Nation has never been absent from my mind. The men who saved the Union have, in my opinion, a first claim to positions of honor and emolument which they may be competent to fill. Our platform declares that in Civil Service examinations the veteran preference over all others. He went to the front during the war, and I for one am heartily in favor of giving him the same position now when he seeks honorable preferment in the IRA DAVENPORT. Civil Service.

FROM GEN. EDWARD F. JONES. "Honorably-discharged soldiers eligible by competency should be recognized as having the disagreed to, and committee to the Committee first claim to places of emolument in the Civil Service." (Letter of acceptance.) "Answers laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, known to render answers to specific questions | erence to which his services entitle him."

EDWARD F. JONES. Up to nearly the hour of going to press we to regulate and improve the Civil Service of | had not received answers from Messrs. Davenport and Carr, but we received the following | Assembly of 1885." The people of the State of New York, repre- | telegram from Corporal Tanner:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 27. To THE EDITOR: Davenport has gone home. the veterans. It is perfectly satisfactory. Remember he is the one man who gave us \$6,000 for our Home at first, and afterwards sent in his check for \$25,000 that the work might not stop. His actions in the past are a better guarantee than any other man's promises.

JAMES TANNER. Senatorial Candidates. The figures refer to the Districts; R, Re-

publican: D. Democrat. 1-Stephen M. Griswold, R: "Thanks for your letter, and am in sympathy with the objects therein stated." John Birdsall, R (soldier): "Yes, to all ques-

4-P. H. McCarren, D: "Yes, to all ques-5-Michael Norton, Tam. D (soldier): "Yes,

to all questions." M. C. Murphy, D (soldier): "I voted for Chapter 312 in the belief that soldiers should have a right prior to all others. I always will vote for and help an old comrade, no matter what

his politics may be." 6-Edward McCue, D: "Yes, to all the ques-8-Fred. S. Gibbs, R (soldier): "No worthy

comrade was ever refused aid or assistance by me when it was in my power to grant it."
Stephen Merritt, Pro.: "Yes, to all questions." Thos. C. Dunham, D: "I answer yes to all your questions, and if elected I will be pleased Priddy, Raines, Reilly, Roche, Rockefeller, to have a representative call on me for any good I can do your organization."

9-John I. Cullen, D: "I have always been with the soldier, and I hope I always will be." 10-Walter Howe, R: "I am now and have always been heartily in favor of giving a positive preference to the veterans of the civil war in all public offices who are shown to be competent to fill such offices; and it was largely due to my efforts in the Assembly of 1884 that the clause now in the law giving such preference was adopted. As this section now seems to be improperly construed so as to deprive the soldiers of the advantages intended to be conferred by it, I am in favor of such an amendment as will put it beyond any doubt and secure a real and substantial advantage to all veterans in obtaining appointments to all civil offices now filled by appointment after competitive examination. The Republican platform differs essentially from the Earle bill of last Winter in that the latter practically operated to abrogate the entire Civil Service law without offering any corresponding advantage to the soldier, and was not, in fact, acceptable to all the soldiers in the State, whereas the Republican platform pledges the party to secure an amendment to the law which, I am informed, is entirely satisfactory to the veterans, while it preserves in its integrity the substantial reform in the Civil Service to which both parties stand pledged. I will, therefore, if elected, use every effort in the Senate to bring about the amendment desired by the veterans and promised by our plat-

11-George W. Plunkitt, D: "I am for the soldiers: am against Civil Service in any form." 12-David Cromwell, R: "Yes, to all ques-

14-H. C. Connelly, R: "I stand upon and G. L. Danforth, D: "The Democratic leaning the cities, towns and villages of the State, and I approve of it."

17-Amasa J. Parker, D: "See no reason why the preference expressed in Chapter 312 should cause it will serve to show a gradual coming | not apply to cities, towns, etc., in the State if the bill can be put in form to avoid any Cona bill amending the law so as to effect this of the elbow, as in the years gone by, now, as stitutional obligations, and there is no reason why it cannot be."

Robert Geer, R: "Yes, to all questions." 18-Austin A. Yates, R: "I most heartily indorse these propositions."

Edward Wemple, D: "Yes, to all questions." 19-Rowland C. Kellogg, R: "In answer to yours as to Veterans' Rights, I can say I belong to the G.A.R., and served for over three years; This I think will satisfactorily answer all the

22-H. J. Coggeshall, R: "Accept all you advance, and would so vote." 23-C. E. Remick, D: "I am a Democrat: was a soldier of the 2d Vt., and am a member of the G.A.R.

John E. Smith, R: "Yes, to all questions." 24-M. W. Marvin, R: "Being an old soldier myself I shall take a deep interest in seeing that all laws enacted for their benefit are faithfully executed, both in letter and spirit, and should I be elected, any legislation in the innot honored on receipt of the order, and now as | terest of honorably-discharged soldiers and sailors will receive my earnest support."

Horace L. Barnes, D (soldier): "Yes, to all the questions." 25-Francis Hendricks, R: "Yes, to all

questions.' 26-C. F. Barager, R: "Yes, to all questions." 27-J. Sloat Fassett, R: "I stand squarely upon the explicit utterances of the Republican State platform, the essence of which I take to be, that other things being equal preference should always be given to the honorably-discharged Union veterans of the late war; also, that, passing an examination, priority in certi-

fication is due them." John McDougal, D: "Yes, to all questions." 31-Herbert P. Bissell, D: "Yes, to all the

Assembly.

Cayuga Co.-Frank H. Parsons, R: "You put the same construction on the law that I did when I first saw it. I agree with the public state my sentiments. Pardon me for stating | policy shown by the law most heartily. Anything I can do in these or any other reasonable more properly addressed to candidates for the | thing to benefit the men who were honorably discharged after facing the dangers and endurbut appreciating your worthy motives and the | ing the hardships of the late war to save our good object sought to be obtained, I shall not | country (and benefit every truly American citizen) shall be cheerfully done by me while in or out of office."

James B. White, D: "The law should be gentions affirmatively. Possibly I ought to state | eral in its application in the cities, towns and villages in the State." Chenango Co.-Wm. M. Bullis, D: "In reply to within questions, would say that I am a are two of that name,-M. T. Fitch, of Clinton,

veteran of the late war and belong to Plumb | and Joseph Fitch, of Queens,—and we are not Post, G.A.R. I have the interest of the soldier those points. Nevertheless, I can state gen- and sailor at heart as much as any living man, erally that if the present laws of the State or the and, if elected, would use any and all honor-Civil Service rules are not sufficiently explicit able means in my power for their advance-Cortland Co.-Miles G. Hyde, D: "Yes, to

all the questions." Essex Co.-Wesley Barnes, R: "I am heartily in favor of any measure that gives the old sailos or soldier preference. I belong to Gor-Erie Co.-H. W. White, D: "I enlisted in the 116th N. Y.; served three years; was honorably forced; and that no evasion of the same on the discharged, and am at present Adjutant, N. J.

part of public officials should be tolerated. I | Swift Post, No. 440, G.A.R. Need I say that I think that when such veterans are shown to am in hearty sympathy with any effort to protory and creditable discharge of the duties of a | Fulton and Hamilton Co's,-"I was a memsailors of the late war for the preservation of position, they should be entitled to and receive ber of the Legislature of 1885 and earnestly the Union priority in examination under the substantial preference, even though there may supported, as I always shall, every measure in call on me at my house and bore me with your

> Genesee Co.-Charles A. Seaver, R: "Yes, to Greene Co.-J. A. Erkson, D: "Yes, to all

Stephen T. Hopkins, R: "Yes, to all the questions." Jefferson Co.-Fred. E. Croissant, D: "Referring to your questions, would say that after considering them carefully I find them proper questions to ask. \* \* \* At the present time, when public men are so apt to say things to-day and forget them to-morrow, I would EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Answering prefer as an answer to refer you to the representatives of the G.A.R., who know me, believing that a man's actions speak louder than words, and also more truthfully." Kings Co.-Thomas F. Farrell, D: "Besides

in the interest of soldiers." doubt as to the meaning of the law I would vote | too charming." Of course, it cured his catarrh.

to amend it as you suggest," John B. Longley, D: "I am heart and soul with and for the veterans at all times and under any circumstances." William Watson, R: "I am an active mem-

Moses J. Wafer, D: "Yes, to all questions." ber of the G.A.R., and am in accord with all legislation which, in my judgment, redounds questions affirmatively, and regrets that opin- to the benefit of the veteran. You cannot ions publicly expressed were not sufficiently | quote me too strong on this subject of the pref-John B. Greene, R: "Yes, to all the ques-

> New York Co.-Jacob A. Cantor, D: "Yes, to all your questions. See my record in the James D. Hawes, R: "As one who served in

the United States Army myself, in the event of my election to the Assembly, I would deem it On Saturday I saw a draft of his response to my duty to further the interests of Union soldiers in every respect and under all circumstances in preference to those who had no such

statutes any other construction than as you in- already been made. One failure was due to the dicate. I approve the law as good public policy, and as long as the law is on the books it should be faithfully enforced for the honor of the cooling. The measurement of the gun, a breech-

Jacob E. Lœwenstein, D: "Besides answering the questions propounded, I will add that I | zle and five feet at the breech. The bore was stand upon the platform and propose strictly to | 12 inches and the gun was expected to carry a adhere to the principles enunciated by the charge of 265 pounds of powder, capable of pro-Democratic State Convention held at Saratoga." Edward J. Shelley, D: "I will vote for a bill extending to cities, towns and villages any preference to the soldier in public employment, and do all in my power to have the same become law. I am for the veteran, first, last and Charles S. Deller, R: "Yes, to all the ques-

Jacob Kunzeman, D: "I was in favor of the Earle Bill last Winter; will certainly vote for such measures as you submit, if re-elected."

John F. Kenny, D: "I would respectfully call your attention to my record in the last matter of preference. The bill introduced by through the troughs to the mold. For 25 min-Mr. Earle received my earnest support then; and if re-elected I will pledge my hearty support to the same or some measure such as you gas had stretched out from the mouth of the may suggest."

Henry F. Cornish, R: "Yes, to all questions, should have preference certainly before others." W. E. Stillings, D: "Yes, to all questions."
L. L. Van Allen, R: "Yes, to all the ques-

Oneida Co.-L. B. Sherman, D: "I believe the intent of the law of preference was as you claim, but will support any amendment which will make it more clear. In addition to answering your questions, would say that I am | magnificent sight, but now it was pretty well heartily in favor of exempting honorably-dis- understood that actual danger of an explosion charged soldiers and sailors from any Civil lurked in the midst of the flame. A stream of necessary to show their fitness for the position | where the core-arbor accupied the bore of the

tions."

Onondago Co.-Wallace Tappan, R: "I have read your circular letter attentively. In answer to your questions, which in the main seem to me to be pertinent, I refer you especially to my brief speech herewith sent, which I think will make it plain that I am the friend of the soldier, and that, if re-elected to the Legislabehalf of these brave men."

the opportunity to answer 'Yes' to the questions asked in this circular letter." should, I believe that you are correct on this

Ontario Co.-David R. Bostwick, D: "Yes, to all the questions." Orange Co.-Joseph Beard, R: "I am opposed to the amendment offered in the Legisla- only will tell. ture of the State last Winter to the effect that soldiers should be exempted from all competitive examination when they apply for public position. Such an amendment would only serve to pave the way to the abandonment of all Civil Service laws and regulations, the intent of which is the bettering of the Civil Service by those alone who are found to be capable.

To that I could not consent even by indirec-tion. I answer all your questions in the affirm-Otsego Co .- James F. Clark, R: "I accept all you urge as fair, and will support such measures as you present with all my heart and such ability as I have."

Rensselaer Co.-E. L. Demers, R. "You may rest assured of my best efforts for those among whom I was one." Schoharie Co .- McCulloch, D: "Yes, to all the questions." Steuben Co .- Franz S. Wolf D: "I have an-

swered 'Yes' briefly, as I understand that is what is desired. The old soldier is entitled to preference. He carned it dearly." Wm. F. McNamara, D: "The law should be faithfully observed, or else blotted from the books."

Chas. D. Barker, R: "The fact that I supported the bill of last winter in the Assembly No. 710), and heartily believed in it, is a sufficient and satisfactory answer to this circular." Wm. B. Sedgwick, R: "As to a preference to soldiers, I believe it a just public policy to be observed towards veterans, and shall wish to see it extended to all departments and appointments throughout the cities, towns and villages of the State as far as practicable. When the Republican platform was adopted at Saratoga the plank on this question of the veteran under Civil Service rules was explained as meaning precisely what you state as your understanding,

and is my view of the same." Ulster Co.-B. M. Freligh, R: "I inclose you circular letter with all questions answered in the affirmative. I am with the soldier every time and always.'

Washington Co .- D. M. Westfall, R: "I in dorse the Republican platform, and am in favor of giving preference to honorably-discharged Westchester Co.-Chas. P. McClelland, D: I do not hesitate to say that I believe the veterans ought to be entitled to great considera-

tion. I refer you to my record of last Winter." James W. Husted, R: "My views in regard to the proper application of the Civil Service | nection with the hospitals. law are embodied in the Republican platform adopted at Saratoga, and are in entire harmony with those of the Hon. Walter Howe, as expressed in his letter on this subject." Wm. R. Strong, D: "In addition to answers

to the several questions propounded, permit me to say that I was one of the delegates from my district to the late Democratic State Convention at Saratoga, and heartily approved of and heartily voted for the clause in the platform relating to discharged-soldiers of the late war." Yates Co.-Jabez S. Hobart, D: "Yes, to all the questions."

Note.-We are informed by telegraph that Mr. Fitch has auswered affirmatively, but there able to say which is meant.

A Candid Conversationalist.

[Texas Siftings.] Gilhooly dropped into the office of Judge Pennybunker a few days ago. After they had talked about local polities, the weather, etc., Judge Pennybunker remarked: "You come to see me very frequently, Gilhooly, but there is one thing about your visits

I can't understand." "What is that?" "Well, it is the fact that you have never yet invited me to call on you." "That's easily explained," said Gilhooly yawning and stretching himself; "you see when I come to visit you if you make me tired with your talk I can get up and go, but if you

out being impolite. See? The Mormon Problem.

[Texas Siftings.] "I should not think it would be very difficult to obtain evidence on which the Mormons might be convicted."

"It is more difficult than you suppose." "I don't see why it is so difficult. Certainly, some of the Mormons could be induced to turn State's evidence." "They can't turn State's evidence."

"Why not? "Because Utah is not a State; it is only a Territory."

"Yes; I shall break the engagement," she said, folding her arms and looking deflant; "it is really too much trouble to converse with him; answering your questions seriatim, my record he's as deaf as a post, and talks like he had a in the Assembly on this question is a sufficient | mouthful of mush. Besides, the way he hawks answer, and I can simply say that, as hereto- and spits is disgusting." "Don't break the fore, I will support and aid any bill having for | engagement for that; tell him to take Dr. its object the satisfactory amending of the laws | Sage's Catarrh Remedy. It will care him com-



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A GREAT GUN.

Casting a 54-ton Breech-Loading Rifle Cannon. The third attempt was made at the South Boston (Mass.) Iron Works last Friday at noon to cast the first 54-ton gun, the largest ever east George Francis Roesch, D: "Cannot give the in America. Two unsuccessful attempts had bursting of the "flask" which contains the mold, and the other was caused by too rapid loading rifle with a steel tube, was 30 feet in length, with a diameter of two feet at the muzjecting 800 pounds of ball.

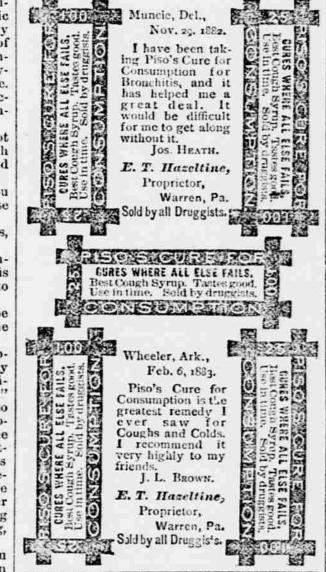
The pit was dug in the ground over 40 feet in depth, with a diameter of 12 feet. In this pit was suspended a mold of the gun, muzzle end down, which extended to within two or three feet of the bottom. A core-arbor was placed in the center, which was incased on the ontside with rope with a coating of clay. It was eight inches in diameter. Down the center of the core a water pipe extended, coming back again to the surface.

The work to-day was witnessed by many distinguished military and naval officers. At 12:45 the 105 tons of melted iron in three fursession of the Legislature in reference to this naces was released and the metal poured utes this continued, then suddenly there was a burst of flame, as though a mighty tongue of flery pit and was seeking to lick the roof 30 feet above. The entire center apparatus was to the best of my ability; but G.A.R. Veterans | enveloped in intense, thick white flame. The spectators fell back and the foreman looked anxious.

In a few minutes all persons not engaged in the work were ordered from the building. The huge flame had now spread out into a deep thick mass, leaping upward, as if propelled by some unseen power below, from the pile of molten iron nearly to the roof line. It was a Service examination, except such as may be water was pouring into the center of the mold cannon, in order to keep that portion cool all Charles K. Grannis, D: "Yes, to all ques- the time. If this water should fail to flow by reason of any further accident, then the building and its contents, human and otherwise would seek a higher sphere.

The cause of the trouble was the eating away by the fluid iron of the sand around the corearbor, leaving the rope beneath exposed. The combustion of the gas generated caused the heavy flame. If the fluid iron struck through ture, will do everything that is reasonable in the core arbor, an explosion must occur, but so long as the water was kept running through Philo T. Thornton, D: "I am glad to have | the core-arbor the danger was not so greatly to be feared.

As soon as possible the flow of metal was Alfred E. Stacey, R: "Being a soldier, late Shut off, and then all waited for the flame to Battery L, 9th N. Y. H. A.; feeling as a soldier subside or blow up. At last the blaze all went down, and then the furnaces were once more opened and the sparkling iron flowed down again to the mold. No further accident happened, and in a few minutes the casting was finished, but whether or not it is perfect, time



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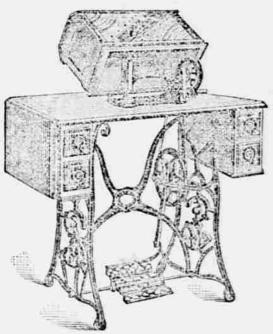
I am a native of England, and while I was in that country I contracted a terrible blood poison, and for two years was under treatment as an out-door patient at Nottingham Hospital, England, but was my bones, and was covered with sores all over my body and limbs. Finally I completely lost all hope in that country, and sailed for America, and was treated at Roosevelt in this city, as well as by a prominent physician in New York having no con-I saw the advertisement of Swift's Specific, and I determined to give it a trial. I took six bottles and I can say with great joy that they have cured me

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